

House fight: Who controls the pork rules

By Philip C. Tabares,
Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.
and Christian K. Eguerra

IF HIS BODY LANGUAGE IS NOT VERY encouraging to the Palace, it is because likely presidential elect Benigno Aquino III is confident that with the power of the pork, he can control Congress.

Ahead of the controversy provoked by President Macapagal-Arroyo's swearing in of new Chief Justice Renato

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By Ednan K. Tendencia Jr.

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to cooler days and
some rain?

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WILL IT BE
COOL AND
RAIN?
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AQUINO: Facing legal and political challenges

Play hardball on Corona, Aquino urged

By Christine D. Avendaño
and Philip C. Tabares

PROBABLE PRESIDENT-ELECT Benigno "Noytoy" Aquino III should put his money where his mouth is. Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. said that Aquino should make good his campaign promise and not recognize Renato Corona when President Macapagal-Arroyo swears in yesterday as the new Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Pimentel said it was inevitable that questions would be raised on certain executive actions by the court, providing a "horrible-filled situation."

"The actions of the Supreme Court might be disregarded by the President and that would have terrible repercussions," he said.

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Ex-SolGen tags 'The Firm' in drive vs new CJ

By Philip C. Tabares

IF THE FIRM MAKING A COMEBACK? Former Solicitor General Francisco Chavez yesterday unveiled what he said were attempts by members of The Firm, a law office formerly associated with the first Aquino, to return to the corridors of power with the impending inauguration of the Aquino presidency.

Chavez said that former Defense Secretary Andres "Nene" Guin Jr. was opening the post of justice secretary while former "Chibulatan" Silvestre Marcellino wanted to become a treasurer.

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Corona: Aquino doesn't bother me

Chief Justice vows independence from Arroyo



CROWNING GLOW: President Arroyo swears in her former chief of staff Renato C. Corona as the new Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in a private ceremony held in the study of Malacañang on Monday.

By Dena Z. Pascualigan

FACING THE MEDIA FOR the first time as the country's highest magistrate, Renato Corona made two things clear—his appointment to his new post stood on solid ground and he was not bothered by President-apparent Benigno "Noytoy" Aquino's threat not to recognize him, dismissing it as "political saber-ranting."

The Philippine 12th Chief Justice yesterday also tried to quash the perception in political and legal circles that he would bow to outgoing President Macapagal-Arroyo, his former boss in Malacañang.

"Watch me... everything I say now will just be words. You have to wait, you have to watch what I'll do. Don't judge me now," Corona said at a news conference at the Supreme Court after his Arroyo swore him into office in a Palace ceremony where members of the media were kept away. (See related story on this page.)

The 62-year-old jurist and successor to Ruperto Paulino ended off questions about his closeness to Mr. Arroyo and his supposed tilt with Senior Associate Justice Antonio Carpio, his rival for the top post.

He also played down suggestions that his appointment to office would provide a constitutional crisis in the face of Aquino's statement he would not recognize a Chief Justice appointed by Mr. Arroyo because of a constitutional prohibition against the President making appointments two months before an election and until the end of his first term.

Aquino also warned that anyone recognizing Mr. Arroyo's appointment as Chief Justice "violates even his promise to the court as an associate member."

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OFF LIMITS

Palace hides oath-taking from media

By Christian V. Eguerra
and Dena Z. Pascualigan

WHY ALL THE HUSH?

Why keep what was supposed to be one of her most public acts—swearing an official into office—away from the eyes of the media, including reporters who have been covering Malacañang for years?

The Palace provided these questions yesterday when it shuttled reporters, photographers and cameramen representing various media organizations from entering the ceremony in which President Macapagal-Arroyo swore in new Chief Justice Renato Corona, formerly her top aide.

The Palace even stopped mention of the ceremony from the official daily

schedule of Mr. Arroyo.

The 30 a.m. ceremony in the President's study lasted less than five minutes. It took Corona and his small entourage of family members and at least four kids longer to wait for Mr. Arroyo to get ready than to go through the rite.

Mr. Arroyo's deputy spokeswoman

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VEEP RACE Jojo up by .8-M votes but LP says Mar ahead

By Terna Quinsanda
Philip C. Tabares
and Nilda Collaje

WHILE THE LIBERAL PARTY (LP) claims that its vice-presidential candidate has obtained more votes than his closest rival, the parallel



votes over Sen. Mar Roxas of the LP in the PRC's tally as of 2:53 p.m. yesterday. The PRC is an accredited election observer.

The tabulation was based on results from 98.39 percent of the total 76,346 polling precincts nationwide.

Benigno got some 14,491,689 votes (49.79 percent), giving him a lead of 612,347 votes over Lim, who received 12,679,546 votes (41.31 percent).

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Thai troops tighten noose on Red Shirt camp

BANGKOK—THAI PROTESTERS ignored calls by the government to leave their encampment on Monday as troops tightened a security cordon around the area, raising fears of fresh bloodshed after 37 people died in the days of fighting.

The government has demonstrated an end to protests and rioting before any talks with the so-called Red Shirts who are demanding immediate elections.

It had given an estimated 3,000 people hunkered down in the sprawling protest area until 3 p.m. (8:00 GMT) as hours of fire continued.

That deadline went by without incident as the main Red Shirt encampment, but fighting continued on the periphery east and north of the area, which troops were struggling to seal off.



BANGKOK BATTLEGROUND: Anti-government Red Shirts pile logs for bonfires that serve as barricades between Army soldiers and protesters near Bangkok's Victory Monument on Sunday. Thai protesters have expressed readiness to talk with the government if the Army stops shooting.

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Binay eyes helm of interior dep't

By Catly Yanesa

THE BALLOTS HADN'T ALL been opened yet but leading vice presidential candidate Alfonso "Son" Binay already made a pitch to be the next interior secretary in presidential appointee Sen. Rodrigo Duterte's Cabinet.

"I should say I am the most capable of all local government officials. It all depends. [Duterte] will let me be a pickin'. I don't want to accept a job I have no knowledge of. I might make a fool of myself. I always say I agree pig for a reason only... so I would rather be in the Department of Interior and Local Government." Binay said in English and Filipino.

Binay has served a total of 20 years as mayor of Makati City—first as official in charge in 1985, when he was appointed by Aquino's cabinet, the late President Corason Aquino, followed by Duterte as mayor beginning in 2008. Binay took a two-year break in 1998 because of health issues set by the Commission. While he was reading his books on chair of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), his wife, Gloria, took over the reins of the city until 2005.

"I will be given a position by Duterte, the DILG, my administration. He will give more power and financial support to the local governments, because for those who leave the position in the

past, a progressive local government leads to a progressive national government," Binay said in a broadcast interview.

He said he is looking up his experience and insights as head of the country's financial district and hopes to translate these into a nationwide effort, beginning with the push to let local government units at the state of the game.

"I would not let this be the annual development plans of local government units would be needed. In the term of the year, all local governments develop a plan, but almost no one achieves it by year-end. One, because there is no money to the efforts. Two, because of the lack of support from the national government. Three, because there's always politicking," Binay said.

Binay said that three years since he took over as mayor he learned his lesson on complexity in his local government. Binay's running mate, Sen. Alan Reyes, who for the longest time, had led the struggle for vice presidential candidates.

"My intention was simple. I went on the southern route that my dream for the longest time, had led the struggle for vice presidential candidates. I went to 10 towns the very same as night that my first visited. Binay, Duterte, has established relations with a lot of cities. He all promised to help when the time comes," he said.

No law stopping Comelec from paying partner—Melo

THERE IS NO LAW THAT BANS the Commission on Elections from paying for a program from Congress before the poll agency could enter "voluntary" in its contract with insurance firm, in technology centers that applied for the machines used in the country's first-ever automated election, Comelec Chief Jose Meloncello yesterday.

"That's not in the law that before they get paid, it must be 100% by the [Congress] oversight committee," Melo said during a struggle in Congress on a statement made by Speaker Prospero Nograles.

Nograles had called on the Comelec not to pay Insuramark, a billion-dollar contract on its P1.2-billion contract until the

joint congressional oversight committee of Congress had examined the contract and given it a clean bill of health.

Insuramark delivered over 60,000 pieces of optical scan (POS) machines to more than 10,000 district testing points throughout the country.

Despite the general public skepticism that the automated polls may be a success, being conducted continues to proceed their drive by testing dozens of the machines' performance.

Congress Commission on Government Procurement estimated that about 20 to 25 percent of the contract price had yet to be paid to Insuramark. Zaida B. Solis/Inquirer

Fuel prices slashed

OIL PRICES TROTTED down tonight, dropping the prices of three premium gasoline products by P1.25 a liter and prices of fuel regular gasoline—diesel and kerosene by P1 a liter.

It was Philippine Shell, Petronas Corp. that first reduced its prices, at 12:00 a.m., followed by Private Corp., Chevron Philippines Inc. and finally, Philippine Shell.

PTC Philippines Inc. and Petronas Corp. had lowered its prices.

Private said it put its prices "to reflect the downward movement in the international oil market."

Private Petronas said its price adjustments reflected not only the decline in world market prices but were also in response to competing, low pricing. The Department of Energy's May 12 oil price monitor noted the marking down of crude prices. Abigail L. De



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Bangit: We can't beat rebellion

By Joseph B. Uy

ARMED FORCES OF THE Philippines (AFP) Chief of Staff, Gen. Danilo S. Lim, yesterday admitted the military may not be able to win the June deadline set by President Macapagal Jr. to end the armed insurgency in the country.

Although government troops had made substantial gains in curbing the growth of the New People's Army (NPA) and the Communist Party of the Philippines, the insurgency

could only be crushed if its root causes were addressed, Lim said.

"I don't think our soldiers can achieve purely just, fair, peace and health services," he said in an interview with *Asan* magazine before he took off to Manila yesterday.

In June 2009, President Arroyo ordered the military to eradicate the communist insurgency, now on its 63rd year, before she stepped down from office.

The Bangit yesterday admitted it could not be done

to the military alone.

"We should be able to address a large portion of the problem, which are the root causes of insurgency," we have to go back to solving the root cause of health, housing," Lim said.

"If we for the cause of the insurgency, you will see that many do not suffer a military solution," he said.

Nevertheless, the military could continue to expand its force against the insurgency, said AFP spokeswoman Col. Aracelis Intorpe. It is a separate issue.

PNP chief bares 15-point agenda for a better force

By Marlon Ramos

THE COORDINATOR POLICE CHIEF yesterday laid a 15-point agenda for the "modernization" of the Philippine National Police (PNP).

Director General Arsenio Velasco said during the first National Police Conference for the next 10 years, he said that the PNP would support initiatives to develop a more capable and professional police organization by 2020.

Along with a new presidency came a new campaign in the PNP Velasco said during the Monday morning ceremony in Camp Crame.

In his speech, Velasco repeated the 100,000 strong police force to ensure its mission and integrity as well as strengthening the PNP as an institution for the state project.

Under the "PNP Transformation 2020 Roadmap," he said the six-year program would be the blueprint for the PNP's long-term transformation program, including the following:

- Strengthening the development of "modernization/leader" of the force;

- Full implementation of the model police nation priority in all regions and jurisdictions nationwide;
- Full implementation of the capability enhancement program;
- Strengthening partnership with the stakeholders and the pillars of the community system;
- Strengthening the implementation of moral and ethics programs;
- Modernization of the program management office at all levels;
- Strengthening of the PNP Training Division;
- Strengthening the implementation of the Integrated Guard Operations to address the threat of terrorism, insurgency and criminality;
- Promotion of rights-based policing;
- Integration of operations and administrative structures in the state transformation project;
- Institutionalization of reform policies, human resources management, including promotion, placement and recruitment;
- Institutionalization of logistics reform position;
- Institutionalization of the third-year program, considered to be the greatest challenge in the quest for

modern transformation, and

- Institutionalization of new systems and measures.

And Velasco, the country's most senior police officer, said he had high hopes that the PNP 175,000 will be implemented with mutual support and resolution with the support of all our partners and the necessary administration.

He said he would present the mission and the operations plan of the PNP's campaign in the next president.

John P. Velasco said he would repeat the structure necessary to the new Commander in Chief. This includes, he said, was also meant to "highlight the importance of placing the interest of the institution above any individual interest."

Velasco is scheduled to retire on Dec 31 this year, when he reaches mandatory retirement age of 54.

On his final remarks, he supported the new President Benigno Aquino III's "American Dream" which requires every citizen to be able to live in a better life.

"We cannot guarantee that we will achieve it, but we believe that it is possible for us to be successful. It is, we should also be physically strong," said Velasco, an avid runner.

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Court orders Ampatuan wife to surface daughter in law

THE COURT OF APPEALS in Cebu City has ordered the wife of Andal Ampatuan Jr., the slain former governor of Maguindanao, to present her daughter-in-law and two granddaughters before a court.

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parents' children, because she had "voluntarily" left the province "temporarily" to the Bangit family.

Ampatuan's son, Andal Ampatuan Jr., was the slain former governor of Maguindanao.

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Do something about AIDS, Cabral urges Aquino

By Jerry C. Espinosa

MANILA President Benigno Aquino III urged the Philippine government to do more to combat the HIV/AIDS epidemic, saying it is a "national crisis" and that the country is "not doing enough" to address the problem.

Speaking at a public event in Manila, Aquino said that the HIV/AIDS epidemic is a "national crisis" and that the country is "not doing enough" to address the problem.

"It will be too late to deal with it now unless we will have a low-level epidemic control that involves the entire country," he said, adding that the government is "not doing enough" to address the problem.

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Why Teodoro, Villar, Gordon and Estrada lost

IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE FACT THAT GINO Trovati was associated with the private squares of Bushchaff, I would've seriously considered him the most worthy candidate for the presidency. However, as a law firm said, "pulling in bailors" (impersonating and hoodlums) would not be enough as he, as the present situation of the country is concerned. We have in view for the period who can plug the hole into which the money has fallen and right now, that hole is enormous. Right

now, what are you doing to a person who is working enough to get rid of people who are digging out money's profits? Oh, for all his talk of honor and working conditions, is he the man for this job, the "guy in a suit" will surely be useful if he disinterested himself from the process he continues to pay homage to. His reluctance to openly dig back out into the presidency, the insistence that the Congress does needs to be amended, even if the same process of such a move means GAO's success.

When will Filipinos learn that they are not so dumb as QAA would like them to believe? Did Manny Villar really believe that he could hypnotize people into voting for him by showing media units to his aid? He should've learned from Prospero Perlas who tried to "plant" himself in the Senate by spending propensities on cameras for sale. In the end, the millions or billions of pesos he spent went right to the

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highlighted in reader's choice "top 100" issue." A barage of ads will only work for persons who have credibility as he was of the public. Mike Rosenfeld did what he has based the situation with his "Mr. Halperin" single. Video did not have it during the campaign.

As for Richard Gordon, he's no Spenser Prime; he is, well, *he*. While he may seem to possess the attributes that make for a good cop/detective, his haphazard approach may have cost off many Filipinos. He once told them he showed not have too much on the day of the past and turned many strongmen forward. He was wrong there. Going along with his plan would have saved policemen. It would have the message that we can trust all we want to buy at we don't get caught with us. There are people who are not.

Trey Farfalk joined the doctoral fray with only a thought that he could pull off such a feat. But thanks to his and Janet Roger's efforts, studies against yellow fever disease are well on their way. He placed one and behind the ones in yellow. I think did his share already is enough to make him feel that he has already won. After all, he's only wanted to see his bitch with him. And in his hands, that's

—4400 E. Huron Street
1175 Don Quixote St.
Annapolis, Maryland

FVR's plan, not Enro's

WE REFER TO THE COLUMN OF *Indians of the Americas* in the April 22, 2010 issue of the magazine, particularly to the reference to "the 1944-Clark-Tucker Expedition (ICTE) conceived during the tenure of President Augustus Seward, implemented by President Fidel V. Ramos and funded by President Macapagal Arroyo."

Looking at the sites and logical inferences, a conclusion that there is an oversight or error in the FTR could not have implemented what Mr. Suzuki (judicial term case inter) might have conceived. However, note that "from the market roads" which the store repeatedly provided during his campaign, we see no sense of any danger (and perhaps conceived the fact that they were advertising).

In any case, the Sable Chart's appearance was part of a major road network meeting with a type named between Onondago City and its tributaries, Oneida, Adirondack Lakes, that was planned during the French colonization by officials, merchants and economic movements of people, services, and goods in the area.

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Sri Lanka forces blamed for most civilian deaths

NEW DELHI—THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE said on Monday that the Sri Lanka's civil war, the International Crisis Group said in an investigation report released on Monday, most of the war is a result of government shelling of areas that were supposed to be safe zones.

The report, which cites witness testimony, satellite images, documents and other evidence, calls for a wide-reaching investigation into the deaths of civilians during the war. It also calls for a wide-reaching investigation into the deaths of civilians during the war. It also calls for a wide-reaching investigation into the deaths of civilians during the war.

ing international investigation into what it calls atrocities committed in the last months of the Sri Lanka government's war against the Tamil Tiger insurgency.

The war ended a year ago, but the Tiger's up-lifting was killed in a narrow island of beach in northeastern Sri Lanka, suggesting a new deadly assault through by a group that claimed some of the rights insurgent forces in the world.

including inside suicide bombings and child soldiers. Because the government feared international journalists and most humanitarian workers from the war zone, the death toll of the final months of fighting, where at least 300,000 Tamil civilians were placed down on a beach, might have the ethnic and government forces, it is not known.

100,000 soldiers trained about 7,000 died in the last weeks of

April, but neither the last phase of the fighting, last diplomatic aid workers and human rights activists have long asked for those figures be acknowledged of the dead and did not include the final weeks of fighting. Government officials, meanwhile, have repeatedly denied slaying civilians, and have said that the total number of people killed is much less.

The report by the Crisis Group, an advocacy organiza-

tion based in Brussels and Washington that seeks to resolve and prevent armed conflicts, said that despite its promises to protect civilians and aid workers, it is made its own in the Tigers, the Sri Lanka government, had bombed indiscriminately in areas where it knew unarmed people were present.

The report said that the investigation, known as a "Letter of Intent," is a letter to the

international community, particularly in the United States, to make people as possible around to fighters, helping to maintain civilian casualties and to maintain humanitarian assistance.

It was the Sri Lanka government, the report concluded, that carried the greatest responsibility for the killing.

"It is a small portion of these deaths were due to government shelling," the report said.

Volcanic ash dispersing; UK airports reopen

LONDON—AFTER TWO MAJOR international airports reopened to some flights on Monday, aviation authorities said, after a five-day snow forced closure of a dense cloud of drifting volcanic ash.

As Europe's traffic management agency it appears the cloud is beginning to dissipate, Chert published by Brussels-based Eurocontrol showed gradually dispersing up and moving during the day.

London's Heathrow and Gatwick airports were operating with restrictions, British's National Air Traffic Service said. But Amsterdam's Schiphol airport, another of Europe's biggest air travel hubs, was to remain closed until 2 p.m. Eurocontrol's charts showed the plume extending by noon from the British Isles.

The London airports were open, but their proximity to the newly snow-covered areas means that their capacity is limited and it would be difficult to serve any flights until early afternoon, but about 100 flights were expected to depart, including at Heathrow several passenger jets to Europe, Africa and the Americas, and a few cargo flights.

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THE ULTRA-DEEPWATER semi-submersible rig Deepwater Horizon, which drilled the Texas well, is shown operating in the Gulf of Mexico before it exploded and sank.

Taiwan builds structure made out of recycled plastic bottles

TAIPEI, TAIWAN—IT'S LIGHT, BUILT and made up of 1.4 million recycled plastic bottles.

The main exhibition hall of the Taipei International Floral Festival, the—old Taipei in December—a city's answer to the environmental degradation caused by the rapid proliferation of pre-fabricated building materials.

Showering cutting-edge technology for green, low-carbon construction, the building with transparent walls and chandeliers the ceiling light is called Eco-Arch, and built out of the world's first large structure fabricated from recycled plastic bottles.

In each building block, called pol-

ystyrene, are formed from recycling plastic bottles into a hard-core construction material.

Architect Arthur Sheng says Taiwan is a pioneer for a building the Eco-Arch, because the island's well-developed plastic industry has been a local expertise in dealing creatively with plastic products.

From making plastics, Taiwanese have acquired the skills to process plastic bottles into useful building materials," he said.

With hardly any effort, Sheng listed a panel of hollow polystyrene blocks, assembled into a honeycomb shape.

He said the blocks are molded together in a large design strong enough to

house in reinforced glass, stone and other materials, improve in air where typhoons and quakes are common.

Many environmentalists have long championed low-carbon buildings as a way of fighting global warming, and Sheng says that Eco-Arch's polystyrene blocks are the best thing to do in natural materials such as stone walls.

He explains that the management building is naturally fit to be an eco-friendly building, because it is built, built, and built out of plastic bottles, and plastic out of plastic bottles, and plastic out of plastic bottles.

And there's another advantage to it, he says. Eco-Arch is only 100 million New Taiwan dollars (\$3.5 million) to build, about a third of the cost of a conventional glass and steel structure.

Sheng said his firm, Master's Eco-Arch, is now looking to replicate Eco-Arch's building style in residential, business and even private homes.

"I would like to share the technology with other architects to help with the disposal of the great numbers of plastic bottles dumped daily in the world," he said.

Taiwanese architect Han Yung-shan said the use of plastic bottles was "an original and creative idea" but there may be a very good reason to use them: they are cheap and easy to use.

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WW II US flying ace who shot down 24 planes dies

HERBERT BAKER, CALIFORNIA—A "flying ace" who shot down 24 enemy planes in two wars and was captured in one of America's most famous pilots, has died.

Herbert Baker, 94, died on Monday in his home in Newport Beach, California.

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John Mahoney said.

Being a flying ace, Baker was a member of the National Museum of the United States Air Force in Dayton, Ohio.

John Mahoney's son is a pilot in the United States Air Force.

"John Mahoney was the only Air Force pilot to shoot down enemy aircraft in the European theater of operations and the Pacific theater," Mahoney said.

He was known as a very brave, skilled and fearless pilot.

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MAHONEY in photo taken March 21, 1972

US states' budget woes hitting programs for children hard

By Dan Salsbery

CHICAGO—NOW THE CRISIS is hitting the children.

In Illinois, a program that helped blind high school students earn credit for themselves and their families, has been cut.

In South Carolina, a five-year program for low-income children has been cut.

In the United States, the National Conference of State Legislatures found that in more than half of the states, the 1991-92 budget year and low-income children are looking to live another \$99 billion less, year.

The means-testing program for children's health insurance, which reduced a study in January that found programs for children have been cut or eliminated in more than 10 states.

And some states are even cutting the gains they've made in improving children's lives will be lost and juvenile crime, child abuse, child neglect and other problems will rise.

He said the states are looking for ways to cut costs and to find ways to help children.

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The WORLD

Editor: Lawrence B. Gueco

Vatican defense: Bishops not employees



Holy See to build case it is not liable for US bishops who allowed priest abuses

VATICAN CITY—THE VATICAN on Monday will make its most detailed defense yet against claims that it is liable for US bishops who allowed priests to molest children, saying bishops are not its employees and that a 1962 Vatican document did not require them to keep quiet. The Associated Press has learned.

The Vatican will make the argument in a motion to dismiss a federal lawsuit on just-declared grounds filed in Louisville, Kentucky, but it could affect other cases in the Holy See.

The Vatican's 38 lawyers, Jeffrey Lane, said it will include a response to claims that the 1962 document "Crimen Sollicitudo" — Latin for "crime of solicitation" — binds bishops from reporting abuse to police.

Lane said on Sunday there is no evidence the document was even known to the archdiocese in question — much less used — and that regardless it didn't mandate that bishops not report abuse to police.

Lane said the confidentiality imposed by "Crimen" did not mean civil law suit was applied only to formal canonical processes, which bishops had the discretion to suspend if there was a conflict with reporting laws.

"It is a tragedy that people — particularly people who have suffered abuse — know that, contrary to what some plaintiffs' lawyers have continuously told the media, the Canon law did not bar reporting of these crimes to the civil authorities," Lane said the 16.

The document describes how Church authorities should deal procedurally with cases of alleged child abuse by priests, whom where not as solicited in the confessional — a particularly heinous crime under Canon law — and cases of homosexuality and sodomy.

The lawyers behind the lawsuit say William McMurtry said in a 1990s e-mail that the document is "a policing tool."

"It is evidence of a 'velvet' policy that demands no mention be made by a bishop of past sex abuse," he said. "There are canon and civil laws, and the Vatican is responsible for the bishops' failure to report to civil authorities, any policy that puts the bishop in relevant and material."

The Holy See is trying to head off the last US suit to reach the stage of determining whether victims actually have a claim against the Vatican itself for negligence in the failure of bishops to report police or the public about Roman Catholic priests who molested children.

The case was filed in 2004 by 40 or more who claim they were abused by priests decades ago, and claims negligence by the Vatican. McMurtry is seeking class-action status for the case, saying there are thousands of victims across the country. McMurtry also represented 242 civil abuse victims who settled with the Archdiocese of Louisville in 2002 for \$25.2 million.

The Vatican is seeking to dismiss the suit before Pope Benedict XVI can be questioned on documents subpoenaed. AP

Cell phone-brain cancer link inconclusive

GENEVA—CELL PHONE LINKS WERE about getting brain cancer aren't off the hook yet.

A single international study links the link between cell phone use and two types of brain cancer has proved inconclusive, according to a report due to be published in a medical journal on Tuesday.

A 30-year history of almost 13,000 participants found most cell phone use didn't increase the risk of developing meningioma—a common and frequently benign tumor—or glioma—a rarer but deadliest form of cancer.

There were "suggestions" that using cell phones for more than 30 minutes each day could increase the risk of glioma, according to the study by the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer, but the authors added that "there was not enough evidence to confirm this."

Longer cell phone use appeared to pose a greater risk than the number of calls made, the study found.

Among the factors that weren't examined were the effects of using hands-free devices, talking on a car or the risk of holding cell phones close by while not making calls—such as in a pocket, or next to the head or night.

The authors acknowledged possible inaccuracies in the survey from the fact that participants were asked to remember how much and on which days they used their mobile over the past decade. Results for some groups showed cell phone use actually appeared to lower the risk of developing cancer, something the researchers described as "unplausible."

The authors said further investigation is necessary before they can conclude with certainty that there is no link between cell phone radiation and brain cancer, partly because people's use of the device has changed considerably since the start of the study in 2000. AP

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BUSINESS

Gov't eyes sale of RTBs to pay maturing debts

By Maibela V. Arceo

P75.14B in obligations falling due in Aug., Sept.

THE BUREAU OF THE TREASURY is considering selling retail treasury bonds or RTBs in the second half of the year.

Proceeds from the planned RTB sale would be used to pay obligations that are falling due during the period.

According to data from the BTR, P75.14 billion worth of periodically issued retail bonds will fall due in August and September this year.

Of the total amount, P50.6 billion will mature in August. There are also some RTBs issued in 2007.

The balance of P24.57 billion will fall due in September. This represents the European central bonds sold in 2005.

"We are looking over it (liquidity of RTBs). If we will see that there is a strong demand for it,

that is when we will come up with a decision (on whether to sell RTBs)," Minister Treasurer Roberto Tan said yesterday in a briefing held at the RTB office the treasury department.

He stressed, however, that no decisions had been made yet.

Unlike the capital treasury bills and Treasury RTBs, there are no any clearly offered by the government.

Over the past few years, however, the government has been issuing RTBs in the third quarter in which some maturing obligations from past issuances of said securities.

Demanded by RTBs is actually high. The small bonds are difficult to introduce and could be underutilized by investors. One can't see RTBs with only 30,000 worth of capital.

Given that RTBs are subject to the similar pattern, the government usually allocates a specific portion of the issuance for them.

However, large companies to invest may also use RTBs.

The sale of RTBs is also consistent with the government's objective of diversifying financial channels.

The government is encouraging

ing individuals, households, and small and medium enterprises to get portions of their income to be invested.

Last year, the government sold P11.4 billion worth of retail bonds.

Proceeds from the sale of RTBs last year were mainly used to pay maturing obligations to the government, including a share of P179 billion, did not have sufficient resources left all in maturing debts.



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Petron, San Miguel energy unit form joint venture

By Abigail L. Ho

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In a decision in the Philippine Stock Exchange, Petron Corp. has agreed to enter into a joint venture with San Miguel Energy Corp. for the establishment of a joint fuel and power plant in Batangas.

The joint venture would serve the establishment of a power plant that would address the fuel supply requirements of the refinery in Lingayen, Batangas.

Petron has already agreed to build

from the issuance of preferred shares at the local level.

The oil firm said that half of the proceeds from the issuance would be contributed to the construction of the power plant, while the other half would be used for other purposes.

Construction should start within the next three months.

The issuance of the preferred shares would also fund the oil firm's P4-billion plan to construct a new refinery in the Philippines.

The refinery project is expected to be completed by 2010 and will have a capacity of 10,000 barrels per day.

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Hybrid rice planting pushed

By Rika Ochoa

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How 3 friends hurdled challenges in the Paris marathon

By Hergs C. Enriquez
 Contributor

SIXTY-THREE EMANUEL "MANNY" MITCHELL joined his first ever 42-kilometer run to see how close the Marathon de Paris, one of the world's biggest events, several years ahead of him was on 40-year-old, said to be a veteran marathoner. "This is psychological warfare," he thought. Would he finish a marathon after 40 years to chase?

A beginner in the local running world, Mitchell couldn't believe he was running 40 miles. Before leaving 40 days ago, he challenged himself by joining the Paris International Marathon last April 11, and made it in record time. For a first-timer, he clocked in a good record of 5 hours and 12 minutes just before the finish of 5 hours and 20 minutes. The experience was made exciting by the encouragement of his friends, married runners (husband "Bobby" and wife Marie de Dore).

Improving skills

Inspired by his first run, Mitchell began with regular five-year runs. Although he was fast in swimming and biking, running was his weakest sport. He then signed Miguel Lopez, coach of the CDO to help improve his skills. Eventually he joined his run in Hong Kong and Singapore.

Last August, Ann signed him to participate

in the Marathon de Paris. Mitchell was hesitant since he only managed 21 km runs. Three months later, she convinced him that there were already 33,000 registrants and Paris set a limit of 40,000. He thus planned to 90 extra for the registration and got his number.

With only five months to prepare, Mitchell started working with coaches such as André de Lamo, who he met in Asia de Lamo. One and Allan Ballon. When Ballon asked Mitchell's level of commitment, the architect replied, "I have a full schedule and I will be running in my favorite city in the world, plus I have good company. What better combination is there?"

The De Dore were Mitchell's personal. They looked like discipline, single-minded and devoted training buds. He would wake up at 4 a.m. and do a 10-kilometer run, then hit the gym at 6:30 p.m. The coach pushed him to the limit, making him run six laps on the track, 100 times and some more of 10 km around his village. On Sundays, he would do long runs with friends to simulate a marathon.

Mitchell got good results. "I was running faster on a harder course. I had a higher pulse rate as I got my body working on a higher intensity," he said.

Mitchell arrived in Paris a week before the marathon to study the route and did a 21-km run to gain confidence. "The course on Paris had several curves but there were good views of



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